# EXAMPLES OF STANDARD AIRPORT SIGNS & MARKINGS

## (AIRPORT SIGNS)

#### **MANDATORY INSTRUCTION SIGNS:**

Signs with red backgrounds are mandatory signs.



Hold Position for taxiway/runway intersection. Denotes entrance to runway from a taxiway.

#### RED AND WHITE = RUNWAY IN SIGHT

#### **LOCATION SIGNS:**

Black backgrounds show you where you are located.



Taxiway location sign. Identifies taxiway on which aircraft is located.

#### dw on Black = Location Sign

Remember: Black square, you're there.

#### **DIRECTION & DESTINATION SIGNS:**

Yellow backgrounds identify with arrows the directions to destinations on the airfield.



Taxiway direction sign. Defines direction & designation of intersecting taxiway(s).



Inbound destination. Defines directions for arriving aircraft.

#### BLACK ON YELLOW = DIRECTION SIGN

Remember: Yellow array points the way.

# (AIRPORT MARKINGS



RUNWAY markings are WHITE

Remember: See white? Make sure you're right!

**= = = = =** Runway Holding Position: Hold Short of intersecting runway



Non-Movement Area Boundary: Defines boundary of Movement Area and Non-Movement Area.



## CONTACT US



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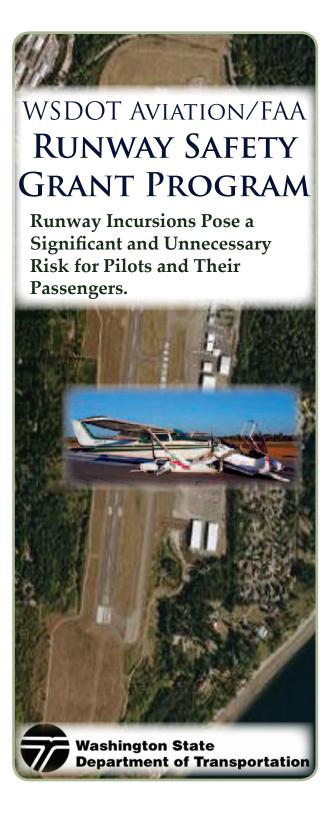
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## **OUR MISSION IS SAFETY**

The mission of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Aviation is to provide the safest possible aviation system for the general public. Reducing runway incursions is a significant step toward that ultimate goal.

#### WHAT ARE RUNWAY INCURSIONS?

A runway incursion is "Any occurrence at an aerodome involving the incorrect presence of an aircraft, vehicle, or person on the protected area of a surface designated for the landing and take off of aircraft."

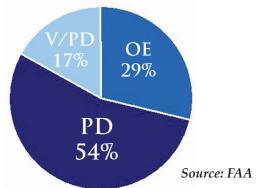
## WHAT ARE THE CAUSES?

The causes of runway incursions are categorized as follows:

- Operational Errors (OE) Attributed to air traffic controllers.
- O Vehicle/Pedestrian Deviations (V/PD) Attributed to ground operations.
- O Pilot Deviations (PD) Attributed to pilot errors.

Our data indicates that 54% of all runway incursions are attributed to pilot error.

#### FY: 2003-2006



Of these pilot errors, 72% are attributed to general aviation pilots. Further analysis indicated the majority of these general aviation pilots operate out of non-towered airports and are unfamiliar with standard airport signs and markings.

## AN INNOVATIVE SOLUTION

To promote runway safety at Washington state airports, WSDOT Aviation and the FAA have partnered on an innovative strategy to both educate pilots and increase safety at airports. Through the WSDOT Runway Safety Grant Program, airports across the state can apply for up to \$2,500 in funds to make life-saving runway safety improvements.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

To be eligible for WSDOT Runway Safety Grant Program funds, an airport sponsor must promote runway safety by hosting an education and training event for local pilots. This event must be coordinated through WSDOT and the FAA Northwest Mountain Region Runway Safety Team. Grants are available to any publicly owned/public-use airport that sponsors an education event.



Remember: Maintain Situational Awareness

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Interested sponsors are asked to contact WSDOT Aviation to begin coordination of the education and training event. Please contact:

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Complete details on the WSDOT Runway Safety Grant Program can be found at:

www.wsdot.wa.gov/aviation/Grants/default.htm

# Possible Projects

Under the grant program the FAA Northwest Mountain Region Runway Safety Team is available to visit each candidate airport to conduct a Runway Safety Assessment. The assessment will help to identify eligible projects that would contribute to increased runway safety. Upon request, the FAA Runway Safety Team will also develop a plan for the airport sponsor to improve the standardization of signs and markings at airports throughout the state.

Examples of eligible improvement items:





